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SUBJECT: ISRAEL'S REQUIREMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

1. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR DINITZ REQUESTED A MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY CASEY ON AUGUST 15 IN ORDER TO PRESENT MEMORANDUM ON ISRAEL'S ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR U.S. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES (COPY POUCHED SEPARATELY.) AMB DINITZ EXPLAINED THAT THE GOI PRESUMED THAT THERE MIGHT BE DIFFICULTIES IN THE FUTURE ALLOCATION OF U.S. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. THE PURPOSE OF PRESENTING THE MEMORANDUM WAS TO REQUEST A FAVORABLE REVIEW AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF THE ISRAEL SITUATION, ESPECIALLY THE IMPORTANT NON-ECONOMIC ASPECTS SUCH AS THE CONTINUED STATE OF SEIGE AND THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SHIPPING TO ISRAEL. ECONOMIC MINISTER SH ADDED THE MEMORANDUM DID NOT CONSTITUTE THE GOI'S PL 480 REQUEST WHICH WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMORANDUM WAS A REQUEST THAT ISRAEL'S OVERALL NEED FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES BE TAKEN CARE OF IN THE FUTURE AS THEY HAD BEEN IN THE PAST.

2. UNDER SECRETARY CASEY PROMISED THAT THE MEMORANDUM WOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL ATTENTION. THE USG IS PRESENTLY EXAMINING THE COMMODITY SITUATION, BUT NO DETERMINATION CONCERNING AVAILABILITY WILL BE MADE UNTIL THERE IS A CLEARER PICTURE OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND. IN RESPONSE TO SHER'S EXPRESSION OF FEAR OF A NEW U.S. EXPORT CONTROL POLICY, UNDER SECRETARY CASEY SAID THAT THE U.S. WAS NOT PLANNING TO INTRODUCE EXPORT CONTROLS. THE DECISION TO AVOID CONTROLS AND TO ALLOW THE PRICE MECHANISM TO ALLOCATE COMMODITIES HAS BEEN MADE BY THE USG, UNLESS PRESENT CROP EXPECTATIONS ARE SERIOUSLY DISAPPOINTED OR FOREIGN DEMANDS BECOME EXCESSIVE.

3. UNDER SECRETARY CASEY REGRETTED THAT THE U.S. HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACT FAVORABLY ON ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR AN EX-EMPTION TO THE SOYBEAN EXPORT CONTROL POLICY. ECONMIN SHER SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE DECISION WAS STILL IN ABEYANCE. SHER EXPLAINED HE WAS NOT REFERRING TO THE GARMAC SHIPMENT OF EARLY AUGUST THAT HAD BEEN REFUSED LICENSING, BUT TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A SEPT. SHIPMENT. ROGERS

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